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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: SAKHAROV VISIT TO EMBASSY

REF: MOSCOW 03593

1. TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT, WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY CONVERSATION BETWEEN MRS. BONNER AND EMBOFF DURING FORMER'S RECENT ITALIAN SOJOURN. ACCORDINGLY, WE WOULD DISPUTE MRS. BONNER'S CLAIMS THAT AN EMBOFF HAD TAKEN LETTERS FOR TRANSMITTAL TO MOSCOW AND HAD INFORMED HER THAT IT WAS PERMISSIBLE TO USE THE POUCH.

2. MRS. BONNER DID ACCOMPANY HER DAUGHTER AND SON-IN-LAW TO INS OFFICES AT THE TIME THEY FORMALLY APPLIED FOR DOCUMENTATION TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES. ACCORDING TO THE EXAMINING INS OFFICER, AT NO TIME DURING THE INTERVIEW WAS THERE ANY DISCUSSION OF TRANSMISSION OF PERSONAL MATERIAL THROUGH THE POUCH.

3. FROM INS WE HAVE LEARNED THAT MRS. BONNER MET WITH MR. GARNER J. CLINE, CHIEF STAFF COUNSEL, HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, AT ROME HEADQUARTERS OF HIAS. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF THE NATURE OF THIS CONVERSATION; HOWEVER, CLINE
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DID NOT RAISE THE EMBASSY ISSUE OF POUCH ACCESS FOR MRS. BONNER DURING HIS STAY IN ROME.HOLMES

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